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Round Numbers.

Round numbers have always been
popular; and the rounder the better for
reading purposes.Observe how well aware the politicians
are of the fact. Say the republicans:
New York for Hughes by a hundred
thousand majority. Say the democrats:
New York for Wilson by fifty thousand.
Said the republicans several weeks ago:
Ohio for Hughes by a hundred thou-
sand. Say democratic visiting spell-
binders today: Ohio for Wilson by a
hundred thousand. Thomas Taggart,
speaking about Indiana, contents him-
self with a prophecy of fifty thousand
for Wilson. And so on. No small fig-
ures "go." Both sides seem to know.Turning to the European war we find
the same thing. The losses in battle
and the number of prisoners captured
are invariably large, and would be stag-
gering but for the fact that the public
cannot be staggered in that way. It
would be easier to stagger it with a con-
servative statement when the other kind
is expected and has become the rule.Turning to winnings in the stock or
the grain market, one finds big round
numbers appearing in all the reports.
The narrators know what the public
wants, and give the public what it wants.
A winning of a modest sum jumps tre-
mendously in the telling. A "killing" is
sometimes so magnified that those who
have profited do not recognize the event
in the accounts that circulate.In the case of alleged big fortunes
fancy holds sway. A million dollars eas-
ily becomes ten; ten, twenty; twenty,
forty or fifty, and fifty, a hundred.
Death is necessary to bring out the
truth; and, in that as in other particu-
lars, death is a great leveler. It some-
times reduces figures of that kind to
the vanishing point.No great harm is done, while much
entertainment is provided. We see
through the stage play. We soon learn
how to make the necessary reductions
so as not to be misled. And yet, wise
as we may grow, we never outgrow the
taste for such exaggerations. When-
ever we meet them and in whatever form
we give attention. The manipulator of
figures is like the juggler with balls—
the more he can toss up and keep going,
the more notice he attracts, and the
greater the appreciation of the skill he
exhibits.

The Transfer Decision.

The order of the public utilities com-
mission for the restoration of the 2-cent
transfer arrangement between the Capital
Traction and Old Dominion lines is a
boon to the dwellers in the Virginia
suburbs along the latter line who se-
lected their homes on the basis of the
fare arrangement, expecting its continu-
ance. The summary and arbitrary aban-
donment of the transfer privilege left
these passengers in a difficult position.
They could not immediately secure the
restoration of the transfers. Some of
them resisted the collection of the addi-
tional fare, and, according to reports,
were ejected from the cars, with the
result of the institution of suits. The
utilities commission, however, took juris-
diction over the matter as warranted
by the entry of the District by the
Virginia line, and after a careful hear-
ing has rendered its decision in terms
that will restore the old conditions. The
Virginia traction company, however, de-
nies this jurisdiction. The traction com-
panies should have referred the matter
to the commission before action. Had
they secured the sanctioning of their
proposed act they could then have pro-
ceeded, after proper notice, without
arousing antagonism and involving trou-
blesome court procedure.Candidate Hughes refuses to believe
that prospects of substantial prosperity
are properly dependent on whether steel
is rated in the market as a prince or a
pauper.Carranza has increasing difficulty in
impressing his government as a hand-
some certainty.

Parties and the Future.

Missouri being in the doubtful column,
Champ Clark has been busy at home in
this campaign. He is in no peril him-
self; but the republicans are making an
energetic contest for the governorship
and the senatorship, and he has found
an abundance to do at home. His one
appearance on the stump outside the
state was in Kentucky Monday.
A large crowd greeted him, and in a
speech described as full of wit and
humor he asked for votes for his party
at along the line.He must have been in humorous vein
when he said "he had an idea that if the
democratic party could get two terms in
succession the republican party would
dissolve." He is too bright and experi-
enced a man to have meant that.There are, however, men of less politi-
cal consequence than Mr. Clark holding
that tone. They have persuaded them-
selves, and are trying to persuade others,
that another national defeat will put an
end to the organization long known asrepublican; that the future opposition
to the democracy will appear under a
new name, a new leadership, and pre-
sents new issues.As to the name, nothing is less likely
than that, come what may next month—
even a landslide to Wilson—there will be
any change. Too much inspiring history
and too many inspiring names are asso-
ciated with the name now in use. Mr.
Lincoln's name alone and the preserva-
tion of the Union would defeat any
proposition to drop the name republi-
can. It will be preserved.As to the leadership, that may or may
not be new. The party today contains
many strong men, and some are com-
paratively young. There is no reason
why defeat, if it comes, should retire
them. Others, of course, may be devel-
oped, and join them, though not neces-
sarily at their expense.As to new issues, they are likely. But
both parties will have to meet them
when they arise. But, come what will,
the republican party must, and will,
continue to champion protection, sound
money, an army and navy adequate for
the largest purposes and to meet any
pressing obligations, and a retention of
our present island possessions. To sur-
render any one of those propositions
would be to invite disintegration and
final disaster.No, this time four years hence will
witness another tussle between the re-
publican party and the democratic party,
and showing all the spirit that has
marked all their previous tussles.

Now the German Ox Is Gored.

The Berlin Tageblatt, it is stated in
a wireless dispatch from the German
capital, has uttered a vigorous protest
against the practice of the French avi-
ators who in a recent raid on the city
of Metz dropped bombs which killed
five civilians. These bombs, the Tage-
blatt declares, emitted poisonous gases,
which made the victims violently ill
and caused death in a few days. The
hope is expressed that the French gov-
ernment will apologize and punish the
aviators, the Tageblatt adding that un-
less this is done "the incident will give
a new turn to warfare, the consequences
of which cannot be foretold."Recalling the numerous German raids
on England, by air and by sea, in the
course of which several scores of civil-
ians have been killed, including many
women and children, this protest can-
not fail to arouse the deepest indigna-
tion in both France and England. As
to the use of poison gas, the Germans
began it, in the fighting in France. That
was, of course, against troops. Per-
haps it was a legitimate method of war-
fare. Some hold that it was a bar-
barous violation of the principles of
civilized conflict. But it has become a
part of the war game, and is apparently
no longer as effective as at first, owing
to the invention of methods of resist-
ance. Whether the use of poison gas in
bombs dropped upon fortified places,
such as Metz, where it may affect civil-
ians, is contrary to the rules of human-
ity may be open to question. But the
fact remains that it matters little
whether civilians are slain by gas bombs
or by bombs of ordinary killing power,
such as those used with such frequency
in England.The Tageblatt's protest is to be taken
with a certain degree of consideration,
inasmuch as that newspaper is virtually
an official organ of the German gov-
ernment. Its importance lies in the sug-
gestion that reprisals will follow the
Metz raid if apologies are not forth-
coming. Naturally, it is to be assumed
that the French aviators in the Metz
raid used missiles that were sanctioned
by the government. No apologies are
to be expected. What new form of
"frightfulness" will be evolved by the
high command at Berlin as a means of
punishing the French for doing what
the Germans started in the air raids on
England? Is the campaign of reprisals
to go to further and further lengths of
cruelty?The congressman who tries to reduce
the wages of government clerks must
now feel that for almost four years he
has been contradicting one of Presi-
dent Wilson's economic principles.Any assumption that loyalty or dis-
loyalty is purely a matter of more or
less remote hereditary contradicts some
pretty strong traditional American sen-
timent.Henry Ford expects more considera-
tion as assistant manager of a band
wagon than he received as pilot of a
peace ship.A certain amount of slumppishness is
regarded by astute managers as valuable
in preventing overconfidence.

The Water Front Plan.

At a meeting the other afternoon be-
tween the Board of Trade committee on
parks and reservations and Col. Hart,
superintendent of public buildings and
grounds, the whole plan of park im-
provements for the District was deter-
mined, with special reference to the
project for the development of the city's
water front. Plans have been drawn
for this improvement, the adoption and
execution of which will be of the great-
est benefit to the city. Washington's
water front has been a reproach to the
capital. Within a few years some bet-
terments have been effected in the substi-
tution of neater buildings for the old
ramshackle sheds and wharf houses, but
these have not been regarded as perma-
nent structures. The government has
been vested by the courts with sole
ownership over the water front, and
consequently private enterprise is checked
in the matter of developments. Every-
thing waits upon the adoption of a gen-
eral plan, the details of which were ex-
plained by Col. Hart to the Board of
Trade committee the other day. If this
plan is executed, Washington's parksystem will be extended along the river
front in a manner that will not inter-
fere with business, but, in fact, will ex-
pedite traffic. The harbor will be made
attractive instead of, as now, a dis-
agreeable to the city. The wharf line
will be harmonious with the park set-
ting. Driveways will be provided giv-
ing easy access to all parts of the water
front. Instead of interfering with busi-
ness this change will aid in its develop-
ment. The project should be pressed
vigorously upon Congress for adoption.
A permanent work of this character
should not be postponed indefinitely, es-
pecially as it is evident that ultimately
it will be undertaken. This water front
improvement is like the plan for the ac-
quisition of all the land lying between
the Mall and Pennsylvania avenue for
public building purposes. It is practi-
cally certain of accomplishment and
delay means an addition to the cost.One relief to be hoped for at the end
of the war will be the privilege of read-
ing some good descriptive writing in-
stead of the news reports.The result of the election will defi-
nitely determine the success of Samuel
Gompers as a student of the psychologi-
cal moment.It is hoped that no workman will
have to work as fast as the congress-
men did in getting the increase for the
brotherhood under way.Some of the Chicago women are re-
minding one another that the right to
vote does not include any hair-pulling
privileges.The man who tends the furnace may
have to be bonded to keep him from
wasting the coal.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

In Doubt.

"You had a narrow escape from the
sharks this summer."
"Yes," replied Mr. Meekton.
"Your wife must have been very
grateful to the life-guard who rescued you.""I hope so. I saw her talking to him.
But I'm not sure whether she was thank-
ing him or scolding him for butting in.""De truth is mighty," said Uncle Eben.
"Even a lie, to be successful, has to have
some truth sprinkled through it."Whiskers of 1916.
We greet them with a smile
As with breezes light they mix;
They're not so much for style,
But they stand high in politics.

Constant Peril.

"Do you fear for the future of your
country?"
"Of course," replied Senator Sorghum.
"My country has always to face the
chance of my landing in the minority or
even being retired to private life."A man's right to change his mind de-
pends a great deal on whether he is at
present in agreement with you.

Days of Luxury.

"You like stories of splendor and ex-
travagance?"
"Yes. I even enjoy reading an old
cook book and seeing how lavishly peo-
ple used to toss butter and eggs and
cream around."

The Tired Business Man.

Every man's a business man—at least
he ought to be.
Though life be on a humble scale the
times he must forego.
And do his best to give and get the
value that is due.
Whatever be the traffic that he happens
to pursue.Some sell corn and bacon, and some
sell time and toil;
Some sell works of art and some sell
products of the soil,
And some sell new ideas for an eco-
nomic plan—
But everybody's working for the tired
business man.When the business man got weary in
the days not long ago,
They tried to entertain him with a
jolly singing show.
His taste has grown more serious, and
now he wants to hear
Of practical endeavors to make busi-
ness less severe.The producer, the consumer and the
agent have combined
In search of some substantial thought
to tranquilize the mind.
So the orators are speaking just the
very best they can.
And everybody's working for the tired
business man.You'll find him in the office; you'll find
him in the car;
You'll find him in the attic struggling
on with aching heart;
You'll find him in a palace, and you'll
find him in a shack
At work on some ideal his surround-
ings seem to lack.
Each seeks the profit in the mart to
which he has aspired,
And they themselves quite frequently
make one another tired.The world's a stage, as Shakespeare
said, and actors there we scan
Still trying to bring solace to the tired
business man.

Forecasting.

From the Columbus Ohio State Journal.
It seems the whole country has its
eyes turned on Ohio and that the old
Maine watchword has been changed to
"As Ohio goes so goes the Union." So
it has become deeply interesting to
know how Ohio will go. There is a
great difference of opinion. We have
seen exultant claims of 100,000 ma-
jority for both Hughes and Wilson. It
is a good deal closer than that, but
how close no one can tell. By election
time it may not be so close.

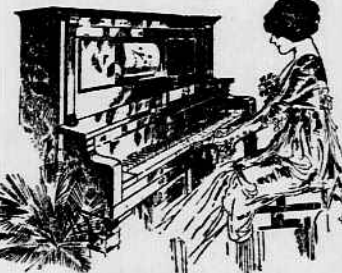
Federal Suffrage.

From the Christian Science Monitor.
It is no longer a question of ultimate
victory for the equal suffrage cause in
the United States and in Canada; it
is simply a question of how soon the
triumph achieved by that cause, in both
countries, shall be made effective by
federal enactment.

The Kaiser's Thoughts.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.
The Kaiser does not want to sue for
peace, but if he could get an injunc-
tion, or even a temporary restraining
order, to prevent the allies from tres-
passing upon his trenches he would be
delighted.

California!

From the San Francisco Chronicle.
Apart from the state highways, the
cities and towns of California have
more paved streets in proportion to
area and population than are to be
found in any other part of the world.Will There Be a
Piano or Player-
Piano in YOUR
Home This Xmas?There Is Only One Answer:
You Must Have One!Juelg's Great
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Sale ofPianos and
Player-Pianosgives you just the opportu-
nity you are looking for—
the greatest bargains and
the easiest terms ever of-
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one else secures the Piano
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Knabe Upright.....\$190ARTHUR JORDAN, Owner.
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prices.Having a big stock on hand
before the shortage makes
these prices possible:
1-carat Blue-white Diamond.....\$145
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Up to 29c LACES

Per Yard .12c

Val points for trimming silk
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French and German Val Lace
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clothes and all sorts of fancy-
work for the holidays.Trimming Braid
At 3c YardFancy colored Trimming
braid suitable for children's
dresses and all sorts of Xmas
fancy work. Main Floor.

The Anniversary Sale

Supplies Children's Wearables

At Special Prices

Children's Princess Skirts, of good quality flannelette, in white
and dainty pink or blue stripes. Finished with ruffle on 39c
skirt. Sizes 2 to 14 years. Special.Children's Coats, of gray chinchilla or wide-wale corduroy, in
brown and blue. Box styles, double breasted. Sizes 2 to 14 years. Special.

Children's Middy Blouses . \$1

Made of good galatea, with
sailor or cape collars. Also
smocked yokes. Coat and
regulation styles. Sizes 8 to
20.

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plaids. Finished with white
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\$5.15

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15c Yard

Remnant lengths from ½ to
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High-class Ribbons from our
regular stock, as warp prints,
plain satins, taffeta, etc. All
colors. Main Floor.

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Household Ammonia, bottle, 4c
Toilet Tissue Paper, 6 rolls, 25c
Pound cans Welch's Talcum, 7c
25c L. & B. Cold Cream, 18c
Elder Flower and Turkish
Bath Soap, 3 cakes, 10c
Main Floor.

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Full widths and lengths in rich Roman stripes, which are
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At 59c a Yard

Choose from 54-inch Black and White
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Waists, \$1.98

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broideries. Third Floor.